



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

October 4, 2002

Applicants : Satoshi MIKAMI et al

Title : SKIN CONTACTING ARTICLE

Serial No. : 09/341 328 Group: 1615

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

 Statement(s) re small entity status submitted previously. Statement(s) re small entity status enclosed. No additional filing fee is required. The additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 12, 17 and 21 as follows. A marked-up copy is enclosed.

12. (Amended) A skin contacting article used in contact with the skin, said article comprising a base layer and natural organic impalpable powder firmly adhered to a side of the base layer which contacts with the skin, the powder being adhered to the base layer by coating a treatment comprising the powder onto the base layer and drying the treatment thereon.

17. (Twice Amended) A skin contacting article used in contact with the skin, said article comprising a base layer and natural organic impalpable powder firmly adhered to a side of the base layer which contacts with the skin by a treatment